

Debate Master

Role Guide Version 1.0

Responsibilities

The role of the Debate Master is to ensure that the debate session is run smoothly and on time. The topic is to be announced during the meeting.

There will be a total of 6 speakers during the debate session.

- There are two teams: The Pro Team and The Con Team. 3 people to a team.
- The First and Second speakers of each team will speak for 1 minute. The 3rd speaker of each team will speak for 1.5 minutes.
- Announce that the timing card will not be shown. Instead, the timer will start clapping once time is up.
- Make sure the audience knows that there is no winning or losing side to the debate session.
- Ask the audience not to vote for their own personal views on the debate topic, but instead to vote for the more persuasive team.
- Wrap up with a short comment when concluding the debate session.

Preparation and Procedure

1. Before the meeting: Come up with a debate topic related to the theme of the day
2. During the meeting: Explain how the debate session works, and reveal the debate topic
3. Write down the topic on the board. Volunteers will either agree (Pro team) or disagree (Con team) with the debate topic .
4. Ask for volunteers (3 members to a team. 6 volunteers in total). Invite volunteers to get together with their teams during the break to discuss their arguments.
5. Announce break time
6. After break time, conduct debate session
7. Ask for the order of the speakers and decide which team will go first
8. DEBATE
9. Vote for which team was more persuasive (hand vote, with the teams turned around)
10. Announce the more persuasive team
11. Conclude debate session.